

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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Inspection and/or modifications described below are mandatory. No person may operate a product to which this Airworthiness Directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.

Translation of 'Consigne de Navigabilité' ref. : 1999-083-056(A)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

EUROCOPTER

AS 355 Helicopters

P2 system 3-way coupling

1. EFFECTIVITY

AS 355 helicopters, versions E, F, F1, F2 and N.

2. REASON

This Airworthiness Directive is issued subsequent to the discovery in operation of some cases of failure of the P2 system 3-way coupling valve, which can lead to a reduction in available engine power and change the performance characteristics of the helicopter.

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIME

The following actions are rendered mandatory :

- 3.1. Before the first flight, following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, insert the appropriate rush revision referenced below in each flight manual (date code 99-03).
- 3.2. Insert the appropriate normal revision in each flight manual, with the identical number of the rush revision referenced below, within one month following receipt of the normal revision and then, remove the rush revision inserted in accordance with paragraph 3.1. above.

Reference : Aircraft Flight Manuals, Rush Revisions, date code 99-03 :

RR 7E (AS 355 E)
RR 6D (AS 355 F)
RR 5E (AS 355 F1)
RR 4D (AS 355 F2)
RR 6A (AS 355 N)

EFFECTIVE DATE :

On receipt from FEBRUARY 24, 1999

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February 24, 1999

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